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Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—" May I know whether the Government is not aware that the courts especially the City Civil Court and also a congregation of the public have condemned the man that has been appointed by the hon. the Law Member at the instance of the hon. the Home Member?"

The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member need not repeat the words 'at the instance of the hon. the Home Member.' I rule them out of order."

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—" Then may I ask, Sir, whether the nominee appointed by the Government is a condemned man, both by the Muslim congregation and also condemned by the passing of severe strictures by the City Civil Court as to his character and status?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" The Government are not aware."

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—" May I know whether the hon. the Law Member will take the trouble, at least now, to rectify the mistake, by knowing what sort of man they have appointed?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" There is no need to rectify, because the Government do not think that they have done a wrong thing."

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—" Will the Government make any such enquiry on the allegations that have been made?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" No, Sir."

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—" Since these allegations have been made, will not the Governmont think it necessary to revise its views?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—" These are baseless allegations; the Government will not make enquiries."

Panchayat Courts

Election rules under the Village Courts Act.

* 484 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any complaints to the effect that the election rules made under the Village Courts Act give an advantage to the candidates belonging to the village where the election is held, since the adult males resident in that place usually come in larger numbers to the polling station than people from other villages belonging to the same group;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that members of the panchayat court are in some cases all elected from only one of the villages, constituting the group for which the said court has been established; and

(*c*) whether the Government have at any time considered the desirability of modifying the rules so that all the villages constituting the group may have equal facilities in electing their representatives?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) No.